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SAYRE-SHIVERS HOUSE
SPARTA, GEORGIA

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SAYRE-SHIVERS HOUSE (TURNER HOME)

Sparta, Hancock County, Georgia

Broad St. at Rebus Street

Owner: Mrs. Oscar Shivers.Date of Erection: 1839 or earlier.Architect - Builder:Present Condition: Good. Used to be porch across entire back. Wings at back added after 1920.Number of Stories: Two over high basement. Attic. Faces north.Materiale of Construction: Foundation stone. Floors pine. Exterior walls wood. Interior walls frame and plaster.

Other Existing Records: Robert S. Sayre bought the property in 1828 from Thomas A. Smith (Hancock County Deed Book N, 384); sold it to Thomas M. Turner. ¹⁸⁵⁵ Turner sold it to Henry Thomas ¹⁹¹³, father of Mrs. Shivers. An original gutter has the date 1839. Information furnished by Mrs. Frank F. Jones of Gray, Georgia.

Additional Data: Each story has four large rooms with wide center hall. Both hallways divided by low wide arch of wood with keystone. Four fluted Doric one story wood stoop. Balusters of stoop are sheaf-of-wheat design, finished with round rail. Floor high above ground supported by granite piers with moulded tops. Basement of field stone. Doorway has side and top lights so daintily enframed in wood as to give the effect of leaded glass. Heavy Greek character throughout. Panels under windows, with oblique jambs paneled. Doors solid mahogany, double sliding doors between rooms at right. Greek type trim about doors and windows with elaborate corner carving leaf motive twisting forward in center. Mantels of black grained marble, iron fireplace backs still intact.

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Ornamental plaster ceiling center pieces. Two story brick coachman's house in yard used as kitchen. Basement story originally used as dining room and for the house servants.

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